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SUBJECT: HEW/SFCP-GOI APPROVES PROJECT ON LITHIUM THERAPY

1. EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE INFORMING US THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HAS APPROVED THE PROJECT PROPOSAL ENTITLED "SOME ASPECTS OF LITHIUM THERAPY AND FREE RADICAL PATHOLOGY: INVESTIGATION OF THE INTERACTION OF LI PLUS AND OTHER CATIONS AS WELL AS FREE RADICALS WITH MOLECULES OF BIOLOGICAL INTEREST" FOR FUNDING WITH USG FUNDS FOR A GRANT NOT TO EXCEED RS. 524,200.00 FOR 3 YEARS. THE PROJECT HAD BEEN SUBMITTED BY DR. C.N.R. RAO OF THE INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE IN BANGALORE. THE PROPOSED AMERICAN COLLABORATOR IS DR. E.D. BECKER, CHIEF, LABORATORY OF CHEMICAL PHYSICS (NIAMDD).

2. WE WILL FORWARD THE NECESSARY COPIES OF THE PROJECT SIGNED BY THE INDIAN SIDE AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE THEM FROM ICMR. ONCE THIS IS DONE, THE PROJECT SHOULD BE READY FOR FORMAL CONSIDERATION BY NIH.

3. THIS IS THE SECOND PROJECT APPROVAL WE HAVE RECEIVED IN THE PAST MONTH (SEE NEW DELHI 3747 - REPORTING ON GOI APPROVAL OF A NSF PROJECT ON (PRECAMBRIANS OF SOUTH INDIA). SINCE THESE TWO PROJECTS ARE IN A SENSE THE FIRST ONES TO REACTIVATE THE COLLABORATIVE SCIENCE PROGRAM SINCE THE NEW GOVERNMENT
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CAME INTO POWER IN INDIA, WE HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR NIH TO APPROVE DR. RAO'S PROPOSAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. FOR OES: PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THIS MESSAGE IS PASSED TO TOM VREBALOVICH, WHO IS DUE IN THE DEPARTMENT ON APRIL 5.
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